



## Stephen "Steve" Carter Ballinger I

October 1, 1946 - July 7, 2021

Stephen "Steve" Carter Ballinger I, age 74 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 1:45 PM, July 7, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Monday, July 12, 2021, at First Christian Church, 1600 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Reverend Steve Morgan will officiate. A committal service will follow at Bethel Cemetery in Lafayette Township, IL. Military Rites will be conducted by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services. A visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Sunday, July 11, 2021, at the church. Masonic Rites will be presented by the Mattoon Masonic Lodge #260 following the visitation at 7:00 PM.

Steve was born on October 1, 1946, in Mattoon, IL to the late Leonard Carter "Dutch" and Margaret Fern (Furry) Ballinger. He married Cheryl A. Storm on June 27, 1976, in Mattoon, IL; she survives. He is also survived by two daughters, Cheri L. Coffman of Springfield, IL, Lisa M. Ballinger of Mattoon, IL, one son, Stephen Carter Ballinger II and wife Kyla of Mattoon, IL; five grandchildren: Anthony G. Coffman and wife Katie of Starkville, MS, Gregory D. Coffman and wife Monica of Tampa, FL, Kimberly M. Coffman of Springfield, IL, Carter T. Ballinger of Mattoon, IL, Callyn A. Ballinger of Mattoon, IL. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Garrison D. Ballinger-Coffman.

Steve was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War, having served his country in the United States Air Force. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force,

Steve started his longstanding career for over thirty years at Mattoon Street Department and was previously employed by Young Radiator for thirteen years.

An active member of First Christian Church of Mattoon, IL Steve served as Deacon and Trustee for the church. He had a strong faith and took every opportunity to be thankful for his many blessings in his life. Throughout the years, he held memberships for various lodges and organizations within the community: Masonic Lodge at Wabash #179 A.F. & A.M., Corn Belt Shrine Club of Coles County, Ansar Shriners of Springfield, IL, Mattoon Exchange Club, American Legion of Mattoon, IL, and Mattoon VFW Post 4325.

Steve was immensely instrumental and devoted to Boy Scouts of America and was an Assistant Troop Leader to Boy Scout Troop 152 and Advanced Committee Chairman for Lincoln Trails District.

While Steve dedicated his time to others, his favorite times, however, were spent with his children and grandchildren on the family farm, where fond memories were made. His devotion to his family and friends was paramount in his life and he was happiest when surrounded by loved ones. Steve will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered.

Memorials in his honor may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 4400 Clayton Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63110.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

**Bethel Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church  
1600 Wabash Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938

### Service

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
1600 Wabash Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall



“ Stephen "Steve" Carter Ballinger I

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ I loved sparing with Steve during lunches with Cheryl and Colleen at Spankys. He was a genuinely nice and funny friend.  
Bob McClusky

Robert McClusky - July 13, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ John & Penny, Judy, Scott & Lisa & families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Stephen "Steve" Carter Ballinger I.



John & Penny, Judy, Scott & Lisa & families - July 11, 2021 at 11:46 AM



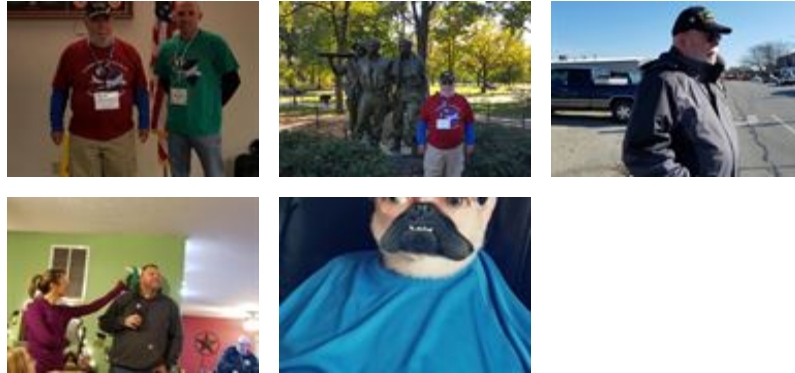
“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" Carter Ballinger I.



July 11, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ 11 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - July 10, 2021 at 11:30 PM

KA

“ Cheryl, so sorry to hear about Steve.

Kathi Adams - July 10, 2021 at 07:23 PM

BE

“ I had the privilege to know Steve through Scouts. Over the years he was part of the cook crew for family night at Rhodes France. We probably cooked a million chickens and pork chops. He served with me on the District Advancement Committee where we interviewed candidates for the Eagle Scout rank. Steve and Cheryl are great friends and Nancy & I will miss him. Our prayers are with you, Cheryl, Steve and Lisa. Bob & Nancy Elder

Bob Elder - July 10, 2021 at 02:00 PM

CM

“ Cheryl, so sorry to hear about Steve. My thought and prayers are with you and your family. 🙏

Cathy Murdock - July 10, 2021 at 09:35 AM

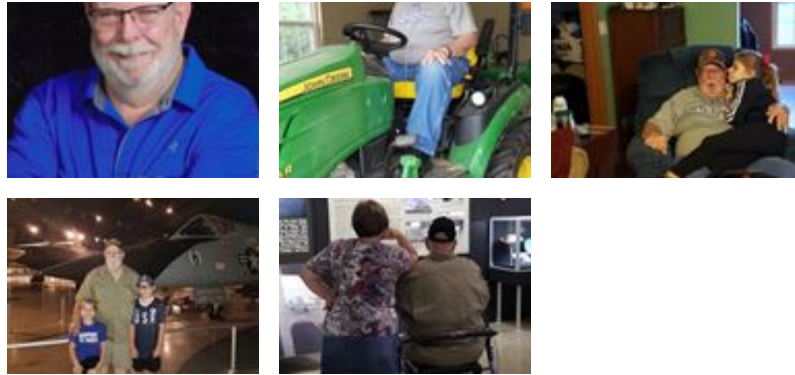
CT

“ Cheryl, so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Chris Trail and Family.

Chris Trail - July 10, 2021 at 08:11 AM



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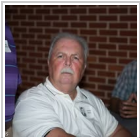


Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - July 09, 2021 at 12:54 PM

DA

“ So sorry to hear about Steve. Cheryl and the family are in our prayers and we'll be sending thoughts for peace for them all.

Dory and Shack Aubrey - July 09, 2021 at 11:31 AM



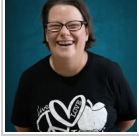
“ It is with great sorrow I learned of Steve's passing. Steve was a good friend and always had a good laugh when we ran into each other. To Cheryl, my prayers to you and the family, he will be truly missed!

Clarence Kersey - July 09, 2021 at 11:14 AM

PW

“ I have known Steve since about the early 50s at Church and school. Always a great guy. He will be missed.

phil Wilson - July 08, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ Amy Hall lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Carter Ballinger I



Amy Hall - July 08, 2021 at 09:14 PM

CA

“ Cheryl:I am truly sorry for your loss. Carol Abbott

Carol Abbott - July 08, 2021 at 08:16 PM

DG

“ Steve was a great guy, and will be missed by so many. Prayers for Steve and his family 🙏🙏

David Griffith - July 08, 2021 at 05:28 PM

VP

Sorry for your loss sheryl! Prayers for you and your family!

Vivian purcell - July 08, 2021 at 09:08 PM